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Applicant: Ebertshauser : Art Unit:
Serial No.: 09/751,199 :
Filed: January 2, 2001 : Examiner:
For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND :
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR :
MAINTAINING INFORMATION :
REGARDING AN ITEM :

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT OR, IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, FOR REVIVAL OF AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED
PATENT APPLICATION**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, MPEP 711.03(c) II, and 1156 OG 53, Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw holding of abandonment based on failure to receive an office communication.

The present application was transferred by GE Appliances (GE) to Armstrong Teasdale LLP (AT) in connection with GE requesting that AT take over docketing responsibility. In reviewing the approximately 383 files transferred, it was discovered by status checks that this application and approximately 42 other applications that were believed to be pending actually had a status of abandoned. Specifically, through a telephone status check to the USPTO, Applicant learned that the above-identified application has been held to be abandoned. More particularly, in the telephone status check, Applicant learned that a NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION was mailed by the USPTO to Applicant on February 16, 2001. The undersigned has examined Applicant's file regarding the subject application and the file does not include a NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION nor a Notice Of

Abandonment. Additionally, attached is a copy of GE's file folder where the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION would have been docketed had the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION been received and docketed.

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's record is indicative of Applicant never receiving the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. Specifically, Applicant requests that the signed declaration submitted herewith and the fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) submitted herewith be accepted and that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. The foregoing request is consistent with 1156 OG 53 in that the request includes a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office action was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office action was not received, and a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed is attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

Applicant believes that no fee is due for this petition and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the total fees due in the amount of \$130.00 to deposit account 01-2384. If \$130.00 is not the correct fee, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the correct fee to deposit account 01-2384.

If the above petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 is not granted, then pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.316 and 1.137(b), and MPEP 711.03(c) III, Applicant hereby petitions to revive the subject patent application as unintentionally abandoned. The following authorizations and statements are provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b):

- (1) Authorization to charge the late filing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) to a deposit account is set forth below in Paragraph (4).

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(2) Authorization to charge the petition fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(m)) is set forth below in Paragraph (4).

(3) The entire delay in the filing of the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

(4) Fees:

a.	Payment of the late filing fee	\$ 130.00
b.	Petition fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(m))	<u>\$ 1,280.00</u>
TOTAL FEES DUE:		<u>\$ 1,410.00</u>

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the total fees due in the amount of \$1,410.00, any deficiencies in the enclosed fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2384. (A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.)

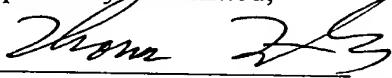
(5) Enclosed is a copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION.

(6) Enclosed is a signed declaration of Timothy Michael Ebertshauser.

(7) Enclosed is a copy of GE's file folder where the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION would have been docketed had the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION been received and docketed.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, or in the alternative, that the subject application be revived.

Respectfully Submitted,


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$.130.

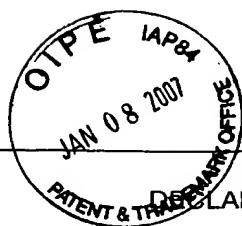
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY		Attorney Docket No. 9D-EC-19347
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR MAINTAINING INFORMATION REGARDING AN ITEM**, the specification of which:

(check one) is attached hereto.
 was filed on January 2, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/751,199,
and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status (patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.</u>
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (*list name and registration number*)

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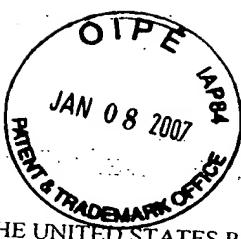
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SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:

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